GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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STD/PCO/ISD TELEPHONE BOOTHS TO POOR PERSONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided STD, PCO and ISD telephone booths to the poor and handicapped persons as a source of livelihood in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTRIADITIYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

PCOs allotted to general eligible applicant by BSNL/MTNL include poor and handicapped persons also.

(b) The data of Public Call Offices (PCOs) excluding Village Panchayat Telephones is maintained circle-wise and not State-wise by BSNL/MTNL. The SSA-wise list of number of PCOs allotted to handicapped persons is given in the Annexure. No data is maintained by BSNL/MTNL for the PCOs operated by poor.